

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4, 6, and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A flame-retardant polyamide composition comprising:

(A) 20 to 80% by weight of an aromatic polyamide, composed of recurring units of dicarboxylic acid component unit and diamine component unit, the former composed of 30 to 100% by mol of a terephthalic acid component unit and 0 to 70% by mol of an aromatic dicarboxylic acid component unit other than terephthalic acid and/or 0 to 70% by mol of a C₄ to C₂₀ aliphatic dicarboxylic acid component unit and the latter composed of an aliphatic diamine component unit and/or an alicyclic diamine component unit; and having an MFR of 40 to 300g/10 minutes, determined at a load of 2,160g and at a temperature of 10°C plus melting point, and melting point exceeding 290°C;

(B) 5 to 50% by weight of an inorganic reinforcing agent,

(C) 5 to 40% by weight of a ~~bromine-based flame retardant,~~
~~containing at least one type of~~ polybrominated styrene obtained by polymerization of brominated styrene, wherein said

polybrominated styrene has an MFR of 40 to 400g/10 minutes, determined at a load of 1,2000g and at a temperature of 270°C using an orifice having a diameter of 2.095mm, and/or said polybrominated styrene has a weight-average molecular weight of 2,000 to 500,000, and

(D) 0.1 to 10% by weight of an antimony-containing compound and/or zinc-containing compound oxide, the components (A) to (D) totaling 100% by weight,

wherein, said polyamide composition has flame retardancy equivalent to V-0 determined in accordance with the UL-94 specification, and said ~~bromine-based flame-retardant~~ polybrominated styrene has a number-average particle size of less than 0.90µm in said polyamide composition, when it is pelletized.

2. (original) The flame-retardant polyamide composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polyamide extracted with concentrated sulfuric acid from said flame-retardant polyamide composition has a viscosity of 60 to 110ml/g.

3. (currently amended) The flame-retardant polyamide composition according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~bromine-based flame-retardant~~ polybrominated styrene contained in the formed article of said flame-retardant polyamide composition has number-

average particle size of less than 0.90 μ m.

4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended) A flame-retardant pelletized polyamide resin composition comprising:

(A) 20 to 80% by weight of an aromatic polyamide, composed of recurring units of dicarboxylic acid component unit and diamine component unit, the former composed of 30 to 100% by mol of a terephthalic acid component unit and 0 to 70% by mol of an aromatic dicarboxylic acid component unit other than terephthalic acid and/or 0 to 70% by mol of a C₄ - C₂₀ aliphatic dicarboxylic acid component unit and the latter composed of an aliphatic diamine component unit and/or an alicyclic diamine component unit; and having an MFR of 40 to 300g/10 minutes, determined at a load of 2,160g and at a temperature of 10°C plus melting point, and melting point exceeding 290°C;

(B) 5 to 50% by weight of an inorganic reinforcing agent,

(C) 5 to 40% by weight of a ~~bromine-based flame retardant,~~
~~containing at least one type of~~ polybrominated styrene obtained by polymerization of brominated styrene, wherein said polybrominated styrene has an MFR of 40 to 400g/10 minutes, determined at a load of 1,2000g and at a temperature of 270°C using an orifice having a diameter of 2.095mm, and/or said

polybrominated styrene has a weight-average molecular weight of 2,000 to 500,000, and

(D) 0.1 to 10% by weight of an antimony-containing compound and/or zinc-containing compound oxide, the components (A) to (D) totaling 100% by weight,

wherein, the polyamide extracted with concentrated sulfuric acid from said pelletized polyamide resin composition has a viscosity of 60 to 110ml/g.

6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended) A formed article of flame-retardant polyamide comprising:

(A) 20 to 80% by weight of an aromatic polyamide, composed of recurring units of dicarboxylic acid component unit and diamine component unit, the former composed of 30 to 100% by mol of a terephthalic acid component unit and 0 to 70% by mol of an aromatic dicarboxylic acid component unit other than terephthalic acid and/or 0 to 70% by mol of a C₄ - C₂₀ aliphatic dicarboxylic acid component unit and the latter composed of an aliphatic diamine component unit and/or an alicyclic diamine component unit,

(B) 5 to 50% by weight of an inorganic reinforcing agent,

(C) 5 to 40% by weight of a ~~bromine-based flame retardant~~, ~~containing at least one type of~~ polybrominated styrene obtained by polymerization of brominated styrene, wherein said polybrominated styrene has an MFR of 40 to 400g/10 minutes, determined at a load of 1,2000g and at a temperature of 270°C using an orifice having a diameter of 2.095mm, and/or said polybrominated styrene has a weight-average molecular weight of 2,000 to 500,000, and

(D) 0.1 to 10% by weight of an antimony-containing compound and/or zinc-containing compound oxide, the components (A) to (D) totaling 100% by weight, wherein, said ~~bromine-based flame retardant~~ polybrominated styrene contained in said formed article has a number-average particle size of less than 0.90µm.

8. (canceled).

9. (original) The formed article of flame-retardant polyamide according to Claim 7, wherein said polyamide extracted with concentrated sulfuric acid from said formed article has a viscosity of 60 to 110ml/g.

10. (original) The formed article of flame-retardant polyamide according to Claim 7, having flame retardancy

equivalent to V-0, determined in accordance with the UL-94 specification.

11. (currently amended) A flame-retardant electric or electronic device member, made of the flame-retardant polyamide composition according to one of Claims 1 to 3 4, or the flame-retardant pelletized polyamide resin composition according to Claim 5.

12. (original) The flame-retardant electric or electronic device member according to Claim 11, wherein said member is a connector.